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Appl. No. : 10/006,785

Confirmation No. : 1320

Applicant : Todd A. Merritt

Filed : November 9, 2001

Attorney Docket No.: 500345.02

Art Unit : 2186

Customer No. : 27,076

Examiner : Denise Tran

Title : OUTPUT BUFFER HAVING INHERENTLY PRECISE DATA MASKING

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97 through 1.98, applicant wishes to make known to the Patent and Trademark Office the reference set forth on the attached form PTO-1449 (a copy of the cited reference, as required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, is enclosed). Although the aforesaid reference is made known to the Patent and Trademark Office in compliance with applicant's duty to disclose all information he is aware of which is believed relevant to the examination of the above-identified application, applicant believes that his invention is patentable.

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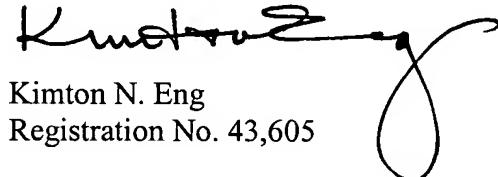
attached form PTO-1449 was known to any individual designated in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement.

A fee of \$180 is submitted in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(d). The Commissioner is authorized to charge any other fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1266. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Please acknowledge receipt of this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement and kindly make the cited reference of record in the above-identified application.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosures:

- Postcard
- Check
- Fee Transmittal Sheet (+ copy)
- Copy of Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement
- Form PTO-1449
- Cited Reference (1)

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

*EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	AA	5,590,086	12/31/96	Park et al.	365	230.03	
	AB						
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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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OTHER PRIOR ART (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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DATE CONSIDERED

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FEE TRANSMITTAL SHEET (FY 2005)

Applicant claims small entity status (see 37 C.F.R. 1.27)

METHOD OF PAYMENT (Check One)

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 and 1.136(a)(3) and credit any over payments to Deposit Account No. **50-1266**; Deposit Account Name: **DORSEY & WHITNEY LLP**.

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Extra Claim Fees

Current Claims	Prior	Extra	Fee	Fee Paid
Total	20	=	x \$	\$
Ind.	3	=	x \$	\$
Multiple Dependent Claims		x \$	=	\$
			Subtotal (Extra Claims)	\$0

Petition Fee Under 37 CFR 1.17(f), (g), & (h)

Enclosed is a Petition filed under 37 CFR as indicated below:

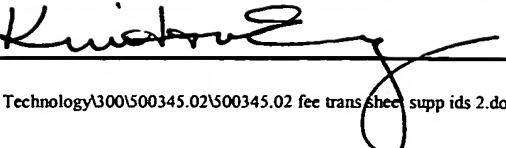
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§ 1.53(e) to accord a filing date.	
§ 1.57(a) to accord a filing date.	
§ 1.182 for decision on a question not provided for.	
§ 1.183 to suspend the rules.	
§ 1.378(e) for reconsideration of decision on petition refusing delayed payment of maintenance fee in expired patent.	
§ 1.174(b) to accord a filing date to an application under §1.740 for extension of patent term.	
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§ 1.12 for access to an assignment record.	
§ 1.14 for access to an application.	
§ 1.47 for filing by other than all inventors or person not the inventor.	
§ 1.59 for expungement of information.	
§ 1.103(a) to suspend action in an application.	
§ 1.136(b) for review of a request for ext. of time when §1.136(a) not avail.	
§ 1.295 for review of refusal to publish a statutory invention registration.	
§ 1.296 to withdraw a req. for pub. after notice of intent to publish issued.	
§ 1.377 for review of decision refusing to accept a maintenance fee filed prior to expiration of a patent.	
§ 1.550(c) for request for ext. of time in <i>ex parte</i> reexam. proceedings.	
§ 1.956 for request for ext. of time in <i>ex parte</i> reexam. proceedings.	
§ 5.12 for expedited handling of foreign filing license.	
§ 5.15 for changing the scope of a license.	
§ 5.25 for retroactive license.	
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§ 1.19(g) to request documents in a form other than provided in this part.	
§ 1.84 for accepting color drawings or photographs.	
§ 1.91 for entry of a model or exhibit.	
§ 1.102(d) to make an application special.	
§ 1.138(c) to expressly abandon an application to avoid publication.	
§ 1.313 to withdraw an application from issue.	
§ 1.314 to defer issuance of a patent.	

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